Mackenzie River News

Principal’s Messages

Water Cooler
The new water cooler, which The Mac kindly donated to our school, has finally been installed on the veranda between both classrooms.

Australian Geography Curriculum
Next year, it is compulsory for schools to implement the Australian Geography curriculum. Last Tuesday, I participated in a professional development session in Emerald in preparation for next year.

The Mac
Late last week, The Mac visited our school to take photographs of our new water cooler and slippery slide. Thank you again to The Mac for generously funding these much needed items for our school.

2014 School Camp
At our P&C meeting this Friday, I hope to be able to provide you with an update on the likely costs for the proposed Canberra camp with Dingo State School.

Storms
In last Thursday night’s storm, many branches fell from trees in our school grounds, leaving much to clean up on Friday, as well as no power for the day. Before school, the students and I removed many of the branches that had fallen, and Tanya and Kirsty continued cleaning up during school time. Our grounds look great again now. Thank you Tanya, Kirsty and students! Below is a photograph of some fallen branches at the front of our school.

2014 Enrolments
We are now taking enrolments for 2014. Please contact the school for an enrolment pack.

School Focus Areas

Australian Curriculum
Reading Comprehension
Spelling

Date Claimers

5th November: Howard Cassidy and Tim Mullooly Off Road Drama Show.
8th November: P&C Meeting
12th November: Musica Viva Performance
22nd November: Brigalow Swimming Carnival.
6th December: School Awards and Concert Night.
13th December: Break up day at Middlemount pool.
Regrets,

Stacey Werder

Student Awards
Jake Phillis — For demonstrating resilience during climbing wall activities at camp.
Jorja Luck — For demonstrating persistence during canoeing activities at camp.
Sara Schottelius — For being such a thoughtful member of our class—always willing to lend a hand.
Harry Phillis — For being a great independent worker and model student.

Measles health alert
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.